



Día de los Muertos Festival!

Come celebrate Día de los Muertos with the Pueblo Library. Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that honors family and friends who have passed on. This is a time to celebrate and honor the lives of our departed friends and relatives.

Día de los Muertos: Family Days

Families are invited to learn more about the Day of the Dead holiday, decorate sugar skulls and do a craft at all library locations. [Click here for schedule:](#)

INVITATION TO CREATE ALTARS

Join the Pueblo City County Library in their **3rd Annual Altar Contest**. We are looking for individuals or groups to create and display an altar in the special Día De Los Muertos events at the Rawlings Library on Nov. 2nd.

This is an opportunity to pay homage to deceased loved ones – family, friends, pets, celebrities or ancestors – by creating a personal ofrenda (altar) that will be displayed in the Hispanic Resource Center on the 2nd floor of the Rawlings Library. **There will be two categories: Mini and Regular sized altars.** There is **NO FEE** to participate.

[Download an application here:](#)

Altars will be at the Rawlings Library on the 2nd floor and can be built on November 2nd starting at 3:00pm. Contestants will be awarded at 6:00pm. Deadline for reserving space is Wednesday, October 19 at 6:00 pm. Questions? Contact Maria Smyer at 562-5615 or Maria.Smyer@pueblolibrary.org.



Day of the Dead Library Celebrations

Oct. 20th:

- Lucero Branch - *Milagros & Nichos* at 4:00 pm
- Lucero Branch - *Community Altar* from Oct. 20 - Nov. 3rd

Oct. 19th:

- Pueblo West Branch- **Festivals that honor death and the dead: A cultural universal?**
Join Dr. Marina Cunin-Borer as she looks at festivals around the world that center on themes of death and the dead. Program discusses commonalities among festival rituals and starts at 6:00pm.

Oct. 26th:

- Pueblo West Branch -Crafts from 3:30 to 6:30 pm

Nov. 1st:

- Greenhorn Branch -*Crafts* at 4:00 pm
- Lamb Branch -*Crafts* at 4:00 pm
- Barkman Branch -*Crafts* at 4:00 pm

Nov. 2nd:

- Lucero Branch -Making Sugar Skulls at 4:00 pm
 - Giodone Branch -Crafts at 4:00 pm
- Pueblo West Branch - Altar on Nov. 2nd at 6:00 pm
 - Avondale Satellite -Crafts at 3:30 pm
- Rawlings Festival: 4:00 to 6:00 on the 2nd floor crafts and altar contest.
 - *Rawlings Movie: Corpse Bride at 6:30pm in the Infozone*

Nov. 3rd:

- Lucero Branch -*Sugar Skull Decoration* at 4:00 pm

Nov. 4th:

- Beulah Satellite - Crafts at 9:00 am



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REGISTRATION FORM:

Who are you honoring with an altar?

Your Name (or group's name): _____

Your phone number: _____

Your email address: _____

Mini Altar _____

Regular Altar _____

In creating a traditional ofrenda (altar), the four elements of nature are represented:

- **Earth**, represented by fruits or favorite family dishes that feed the souls
- **Wind**, represented by movement, using generally confetti or papel picado.
- **Water**, is placed in a container for the soul's thirst after the long journey
- **Fire**, a candle for each soul remembered and an extra candle is for the forgotten soul.
- **Salt** is placed as a means of purification,
- **Copal** (incense) commemorates pre-Hispanic history
- **Cempasúchitl** (marigold flower) petals are scattered to guide the soul to the altar.
- **Photographs** of loved ones are also placed to remember and relive.

RULES:

- o Altars must not exceed 5 feet in height and 5 feet in width.
- o Participants will be provided one table for their altar and two chairs.
- o Altars must be free-standing.
- o Organic materials (plants, food offerings) are acceptable. Alcohol is not allowed.
- o Offensive material will include but are not limited to items such as sexually explicit or demeaning, racist, and promotion of crime, cruelty, and violence.
- o Battery operated candles are allowed. No open flames are allowed.
- o Installation takes place Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 3:00 pm.
- o Judging takes place on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd from 5:00 to 6:00 pm
- o Winners announced on Wednesday, Nov. 2nd at 6:00 pm